

# State of Michigan



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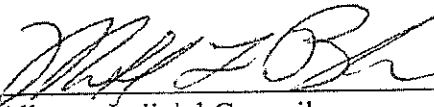
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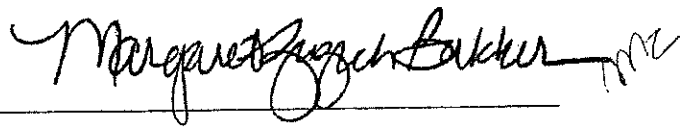
## ORDER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT


This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCL 600.1060 et seq., and rescinds WMRVTC LAO C48 2014-01J, C36 2014-01J, D07 2014-01J, and D57 2014-01J. The purpose of this order is to establish a Regional Veterans' Treatment Court to service Allegan, Ottawa, and Van Buren Counties upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO). All policies and procedures comply with the statute and are consistent with the 10 Guiding Principles for Veterans' Treatment Courts promulgated by the National Drug Court Institute, a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (see attachment A).

1. The Court has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with each participating prosecuting official in the circuit or district court district, a representative of the criminal defense bar, a representative of community treatment providers and other key parties. The Memorandum of Understanding describes the role of each party. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached as Attachment B.
2. The Court has established eligibility criteria and is attached hereto as an addendum to Attachment B. Any statement or other information obtained as a result of participating in a substance abuse or mental health assessment shall be deemed to be confidential and shall not be used in any criminal prosecution against the veteran.
3. No defendant shall be admitted until a complete preadmission screening and substance abuse and/or mental health assessment are completed.
4. All defendants shall sign a voluntary written consent to participate in the program.
5. The court shall maintain case files in compliance with Trial Court General Schedule 16, the Michigan Case File Management Standards, and Part 2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations to assure confidentiality of drug treatment court records.

Effective Date: January 31, 2014

Date: 5-21-15 Judge Signature:   
Presiding Chair, Allegan Judicial Council  
Hon. Michael Buck

Date: 5/21/15 Chief Judge Signature:   
48<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court  
Hon. Margaret Zuzich-Bakker

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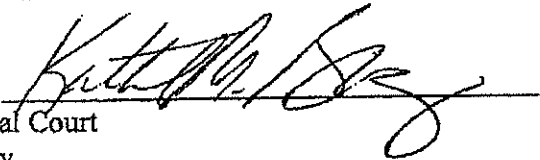
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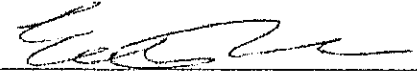
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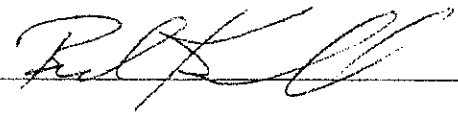
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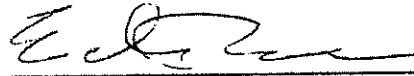
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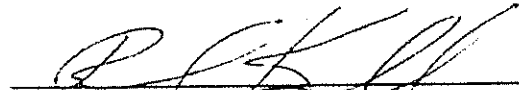
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Date: 8/11/15



Hon. Edward R. Post  
Chief Judge, 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

Date: 7/27/15



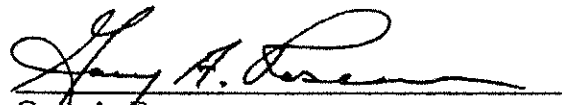
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Ronald Frantz  
Ottawa County Prosecutor

Date: 7/20/2015



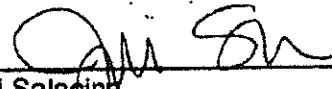
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Ottawa County Sheriff

Date: 7/27/15



Loren Snippe  
Ottawa County Dept of Veterans Affairs

Date: 7/20/15



Jodi Salacina  
58<sup>th</sup> District Court Probation Director

(The majority of the language used in this memorandum has been taken with permission from the Ingham County Veteran's Treatment Court memorandum of understanding)

## Linda Sekula

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**From:** Frank Hardester  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2015 8:35 PM  
**To:** Linda Sekula  
**Subject:** Fw: Order for the Establishment of a Regional Veterans' Treatment Court - Approved

Here is the actual email from SCAO approving the LAO re vet court

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**From:** Region5 Info <[Region5-Info@courts.mi.gov](mailto:Region5-Info@courts.mi.gov)>  
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C20 2015-01J  
D58 2015-07J

This is to advise that we have reviewed the above referenced administrative order and find that it conforms to the requirements of MCR 8.112(B). This order is being accepted and filed until advised by your court of any change.

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